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## ***JANUARY MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR***

**SIOUX FALLS, February 22, 2008 -- Commercial red meat production** for South Dakota totaled 105.8 million pounds during January. This was up 29 percent from one year ago and up 11 percent from last month. For January 2008, pork production was up while sheep and lamb production was down from one year ago, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Commercial hog slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 490,800 head during January 2008 compared to 360,600 head the year before. Average live weight was 258 pounds, which was down 9 pounds from January 2007.

**Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter** for South Dakota totaled 700 head during January 2008 compared to 1,400 head a year earlier. Average live weight was 126 pounds, which was down 6 pounds from January 2007.

**Commercial slaughter data for cattle** is not published.

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